

**Indiana Department of Homeland Security  
Indiana Emergency Management/Homeland Security  
Higher Education Advisory Board**

Minutes from July 20, 2007

9am – 1pm (Eastern Time)

10am – 2pm (Central Time)

University Center Room 206\*

University of Southern Indiana

**Special Presentations:** Christine Martin from Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant Community Corporation re: CERT

**Meeting:**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chaired by Dave Tate in Tom's absence  
Members present: Lee Ann Wambach, Brad Thatcher, Amy Lindsey, Kevin Slates, Janet Archer, Susan Scott, Don Wilson. Guests - Christine Martin from Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant Community. Dr. Ed Jones and Linda Cleek welcomed us to USI.
2. Reading & Approval of Minutes – Lee Ann Wambach, Secretary
  - a. Advisory Board Meeting (5/18/07) approved as posted
3. Report of the Officers, Boards, & Committee Reports
  - a. Standing Committees
    - i. Conference – Dave Tate, Chair  
Dave talked to Tom, hotel, conference coordinator Brad Thatcher – EMAI has contract with hotel and registered some online (6-7) as combination with EMAI. Conference coordinator is PROCAM – Tammy Wylie primary contact (same one from April 2006). Meeting with her July 30, 1 pm eastern time. Dave Tate will meet with this group.  
The “save the date” form should be changed and distributed August 1- online.
    - ii. Education, Training & Curriculum Development – (To Be Filled) Kevin will ask Cheryl Holmes to consider this position
    - iii. Curriculum – Dave Tate, Chair  
Faculty information is still coming in. NFPA aspects compared with courses, which is stimulating faculty

interest. A list of courses will be published for fall conference

iv. Campus Safety & Emergency Preparedness – Dean Larson & Don Wilson, Co-Chairs

Don reported that they will meet Tuesday at Purdue Calumet. An environmental consultant asked to join this group. List serve continues to grow for this subcommittee, which can be an outreach and source of broader involvement through the state. It needs to stay under the auspices of this board to be supported by IDHS.

Brad mentioned that the “Emergency Planning for Campus Executives” workshop on July 23 has 51 attending and a waiting list – also good opportunity to develop membership and participation throughout the state. Tom will speak to this group during their lunch break and tell them about our advisory board and our conference in October.

Question to Brad about CERT Citizens Corps – FEMA - Medical Reserve Corps and citizens activities. College students could become involved in these efforts. Brad suggested that we convene a subcommittee on student involvement and have IDHS sponsor statewide organized student movement – Brad mentioned that other communities have students involved in service learning and volunteerism with respect to emergency services. Ideas were shared about student-based CERT training, a statewide network of campus service groups, and a statewide conference/competition/training exercise at Muscatatuck. Board members proposed a subcommittee to put this idea into motion one board member to chair. Valuable partners include Christine Martin and Debbie Watson (citizens’ corps coordinator at state level), campus safety officers and campus student government groups. Purdue now has an alpha chapter of Eta Sigma Iota at - first Homeland Security fraternity with these kinds of interests.

b. Ad-hoc Committees

- i. Membership –Brad mentioned Francine Friedman at Ball State as possible member. More faculty need to be contacted and participate.

Brad reported that Tri-State University is interested in participating and are involved in offering credit for emergency services training for adult students. Group discussed offering applied credit in safety management for professional training and development. This strengthens the state's position on public safety and gets practitioners recognized with academic progress.

Slates suggested that a more formal component of research and inquiry in this group will attract faculty into the efforts of this board.

#### 4. Unfinished Business

- a. Educational Needs Survey – Kevin Slates

Kevin passed out a draft of survey instrument and noted that this research can often be a lengthy process. This project should pursue approval and conduct a pilot study. The population we want to reach are working adults in Indiana employed in public safety and emergency services or those with ancillary duties in those fields. We should learn about demographic data, and needs assessment – Skill level, content areas, core components. Kevin made a case for a more formal method to gather information on topics relevant to our mission and to create a research agenda. A comprehensive strategy to gather and analyze information would help us to focus our energy, gain more public support, and achieve our goals. To create a research agenda, a subcommittee should be created to review integrity and ethics, gain faculty involvement, necessary approvals, and funding. Also, this subcommittee could identify projects and create a long-term plan for research that supports IDHS-EM interests. Dave suggested that this be included in new business for September meeting – Amy agreed to participate.

- b. Status of: EM & Homeland Security Course approval & accreditation – Dave Tate – currently waiting on a survey rating

- c. Status of: “White Paper” – Brad Thatcher and Dave Tate – to officially request funding for the board.
- d. Update/Status of: IDHS – Brad Thatcher/Amy Lindsey  
 Brad reported that the July 23 workshop has had good response. He just returned from Washington, DC – invited as a subject matter expert to review applications for FEMA competitive training grants – selected 54 out of 800+ entries to develop full proposals. He now has very good insight into this program and how to be successful in the application process. He suggested offering workshops in April/May on how to develop competitive applications. Partnerships and research are encouraged. Focus areas for 2007 were public communication, training to enhance executive leadership, intergovernmental cooperation – manage homeland security risk, and addressing legal issues in recovery. Brad recommended that we identify resources from each institution and explore ideas for partnerships within the state – perhaps on the January agenda. He also described the Naval Post Graduate School Master’s program in Homeland Security. NPS wants to give this curriculum away to any college that qualifies - distance education – distance friendly – free to government employees – UK is partnering – no Indiana partners yet. NPS will attend October conference to set up vendor booth. NPS will provide orientation, hand over curriculum, and assist in finding instructors. Vin Doherty Director of Program Outreach for Center of Homeland Defense & Security (CDHS) at Naval Postgraduate School. [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us) 516-582-2517 [vjdoherty@nps.edu](mailto:vjdoherty@nps.edu). Brad also passed out course catalogs for USDHS sponsored free training from IDHS.  
 Amy reported on Natural Disaster conference in Colorado.

## 5. New Business

- a. Notification of location for next Board Meeting - 9/21/2007 at Vincennes University (Dan Burgei) and 11/16/2007 at the Indiana Government Center.

## 6. Adjournment

Dr. Judith Monroe will speak at November’s meeting (Indianapolis Government Center) about her trip to Israel –